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Dear Mrs. Manley;-----

You might have been reading my recent -nt articles published in the New York Daily Newsaunders Jimmy Powers' column. Among the several reasons why I am writing to you about them is because I am afraid it might be thought that I was playing lap dog to Gus Greenlee and trying to curry his favor by giving an unasked for assistance to his latest promotions. Have no such thought if you did because I was trying to do no such thing. It was purely coincidental that the articles reached there and was published just in time to me of immeasurable help to his games.

Enclosed here you of course notice this photostat of a letter Mr. Jimmy Powers mailed me about two weeks ago. It just happened that he had read one of my articles that frequently appear in Cleveland's daily morning paper (white) under Jimmy Doyle's column a long standing freind. Powers is formerly of the Cleveland News in that town where we met years ago and where he used some of my stuff way back there chiefly about boxing. So after his fine letter I was tickled to contribute to his widest of all circulated sports pages (1,700,000 daily. Imagine how tremendous and wouldn't anybody be tickled to speak to that many people about any thing?) It seems possibly that just as I mailed him my first letter some of Gus so called publicity men must've been hanging around Mr. News begging space but unable to provide him any writings or stories so slanted the way those daily papers like. So he just obliged them by taking my letter to him about the Colored World series and putting in a few words about their game that was being played the next day and used it as the publicity for their game. They were just lucky. From the article I sent in you can see it was purely intended to help out mostly the Homestead Grays and the Kansas City Monarchs world series idea. The second column that appeared the following Thursday was the one Mr. Powers kindly got from the column I mention in the Cleveland daily paper. This morning I am mailing him one designed mostly for your team, making Mule Suttles my main topic.

In recent weeks I have been reading much of the fight you have been making to force Gus Greenlee to abide by some rules and common decency. I regret you had to learn the hard way about Gus but you will recall that more than two years ago I warned you of that crook's destructive practices and how he had no respect for anything that was honest and straight. You and others will and have learned much about him since I vainly tried to warn you of not only he but Clarke and Sparrow as well. It is a shame such chaos making scoundrels stand in such prominent places and hold so much power over enterprise that promises to make a fine place where many people could earn a living. Years ago I told you about how I can upon the scene when Gus and Cole were both losing heavily with colored baseball and everybody in the business was so deep in the dumps they didn't know where to turn. From out of a hospital I haggled them into taking a chance with me over in Cleveland on the first big colored game promotion ever tried. It clicked and demonstrated what could be done and I figured on the hook up I had there managing it for me and making money for all the teams I could show there and some for myself. But lo and behold with me laying here flat on my back Gus went over to Cleveland got a bunch of consciousness crooks



together, refused to let me have any more teams in Cleveland and took Cleveland over for himself and his lap dogs. Later I was put out of the hospital here broke and still ill and when Gus, knowing my contacts in New York, decided to run his first big game at the Yankee Stadium he sent for me to come there and do the publicity. My circumstances forced me into that humiliating position of swallowing the Cleveland mistreatment and going on to New York and making a big success of Gus' first game there. He had a corps of publicity "experts" 3 months in Chicago doing less than I got done in 11 days in New York almost singled handed. Besides putting in thousands in the Yankee Stadium for him I left many new contacts open for Colored baseball that they never dreamed of getting in before. For my pains I was grudgingly shoved the pittance of about \$200 and \$150 for the second game that took in more people than the first. Gus even borrowed \$20 of this money back and had not returned it today. I was then brusquely shunted out again and all the others who were sitting around not knowing what to do before I came attempted to resume where I left off, made much more money out of it that I did but miserable failed to make good of the doors I had opened.

Now I appealed to all you new people who came on later, I appealed to the the old ones who were in the businesses before I came to there rescue for all you to reject and object and denounce this kind of abuse to a man whom had left the hospital and gave hopes to Negro baseball but none of you even peeped up a sound for me. It had to come for you all to experience the same crooked dealing I suffered before you would believe what I said and warned. I honestly believe you, your husband and some of the others are honorable people with a sincere desire to see Negro baseball go places but you are mixed in with a lot of crooks who are throttling your efforts. I am glad to see at least the only business woman in the ligg is spunky enuff to challenge this brute and I am praying you will keep up the fight until that crook and his cohorts are out or converted.

If you are a business person you know the value of getting the ~~names of~~ names of colored players and teams before 1,700,000 people in New York. You know it is a feat smart white promoters pay publicity men big yearly salaries to turn for their enterprises. You know many white men cannot do and get the big space for promotions and est that I luckily am given by the kindness of the biggest sporting editors and pages in the world. Does it not strike you as a strange indifference of you Colored baseball people (not meaning to point to you only but your team is also helped) that when I work this valuable feat for them that not even one of them even drops me a postcard. I am asking you, are we just an impossible people or what?

I hate terribly to think it but my observation has been that if the teams were run by white people who were struggling to get them going by now I would have been flooded with all manners of information about the various players, games, ligg and ect to say naught of cash encouragement-eries. It is a very easy matter for me to pen peices for Mr. Power's 1,700,000 daily readers in New York that would not be aimed at trying to help promote any particular race enterprise by the simple trick of invented and fictitious names and incidents and even places, but while I have this and these wonderful opportunities and would much rather slant my stories so that they would be aimed to help attract public attention and big crowds to Negro ball games. With the right kind of cooperation I will be glad to do more than my share.

A certain freind from up there wrote me some weeks ago and explained my troubles with Gus and his Gang was that they were jealous and envious of me and my connections. Well, of course Mr. s Manley being a Negro so long I of course understand that trait of my people and try to overlook it as just another one of their childlike eccentricities. However plain horse sense ought



in a case like this be suffice to make them lay that kind of stuff asidem and be glad to have available a or one Negro who can get into places of power and get invaluable assistances to the promotion and furtherance of all. Write and remind Cum Posey of that

Well, aecept my congrats again forthe battl~~le~~ you are taking to Gus, I am in your corner and altho I hate to carry our wranglings to my freinds downtown I will do all in power to help you help all the honest ones in the game build the game. I am shre you are convinced I have evinced that before in spirit and act.

Regards to Mr. Manley and all the boys and look out for a goodly peice about your Mule Suttles in the New York Daily News .Remember while you are reading it 1,7000,000 copies just like tha t iss spread all over New York to say naught of the rest of the country and world.

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